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November 20, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF TWO (2) QUINT-TYPE AERIAL LADDER APPARATUS AND SEVEN (7) PUMPER-TYPE FIRE APPARATUS (ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting approval to authorize the acquisition of two (2) quint-type aerial ladder apparatus and seven (7) pumper-type fire apparatus. A quint-type aerial ladder apparatus costs approximately \$1,020,000 and a pumper-type fire apparatus costs approximately \$440,000. This purchase exceeds the \$250,000 capital asset threshold established by your Board and requires your approval to move forward with the acquisition process.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

1. Approve the District's request and authorize the Internal Services Department, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the tag-on acquisition of two (2) quint-type aerial ladder apparatus from KME Fire Apparatus, Purchase Order # PO-FR-12322992-1.
2. Approve the District's request and authorize the Internal Services Department, as the County's Purchasing Agent, to proceed with the tag-on acquisition of seven (7) pumper-type fire apparatus from KME Fire Apparatus, Purchase Order # PO-FR-12323137-2.
3. Find that these purchases are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The District has a 20-year replacement plan for fire apparatus, consisting of 15 years of front line service and 5 years of reserve service. A quint-type aerial ladder apparatus provides the ability to perform as both a fire suppression pumper and aerial ladder truck. A pumper-type fire apparatus provides structural and wildland fire suppression and emergency medical response capabilities. Acquiring the two types of apparatus will allow the District to maintain our current apparatus replacement schedule.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12, your Board approved the solicitation and purchase of two (2) quint-type aerial ladder apparatus and seven (7) pumper-type fire apparatus. RFB-IS-12200631 and RFB-IS-12200628 were awarded to KME Fire Apparatus, who has agreed to extend the pricing for the purchase of two (2) quint-type aerial ladder apparatus and seven (7) pumper-type fire apparatus.

The new apparatus will have enclosed cabs, improved fire fighter safety features, cost effective components to reduce annual operating costs, higher efficiency, and lower emission diesel engines. These features enable us to continue providing prompt, skillful, and cost-effective fire protection, and life safety services.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This purchase supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal #1, Operational Effectiveness, by maximizing the effectiveness of operations, while reducing operating costs and preserving efficient emergency services. This purchase also supports Goal #3, Integrated Services Delivery. Our public safety service delivery is aimed at generating additional cost-reducing efficiencies, while preserving emergency response times, and basic Departmental public services to the people of Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total estimated cost of the two quint-type aerial ladder apparatus is approximately \$2,040,000. The total estimated cost of the seven pumper-type fire apparatus is approximately \$3,080,000. The District's 2012-13 FY budget includes sufficient funding for these purchases.

The maintenance of the apparatus will be funded from the District's Operating Budget. There is no impact on net County cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The nature of fire fighting and National Fire Protection Agency requirements have changed dramatically, and the new apparatus will be significantly more efficient and effective than those they are replacing.

County Code, Section 2.81.950 (C), allows the Purchasing Agent to award on the basis of a prior bid or last price, if the conditions of purchase are similar. KME Fire Apparatus has agreed to extend the prior bid price per unit for the apparatus, at the same terms and conditions of the previous acquisitions.

On October 16, 2001, your Board adopted a policy whereby departments must obtain Board approval to purchase or finance equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater prior to submitting their requisitions to the Purchasing Agent.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The acquisition of both types of apparatus is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act as it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable impact on the environment in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3) of the State of California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This is a commodity purchase under the statutory authority of the County Purchasing Agent. The purchase will be requisitioned through, and accomplished by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with the County's purchasing policies and procedures.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

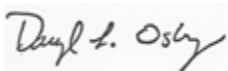
The new apparatus will greatly enhance the District's ability to protect lives, the environment, and property in a safe, more efficient and cost effective manner.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please electronically submit an adopted Statement of Proceedings to the following:

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Executive Office, Business Operations
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Respectfully submitted,



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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
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County Counsel